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PATENT APPLICATION

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For:

SPREAD SPECTRUM METER READING SYSTEM UTILIZING LOW

SPEED/HIGH-POWER FREQUENCY HOPPING

#### **AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

#### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action of January 9, 2006, and in accordance with the automatic extension of time for response provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), amendment to the above-identified patent application is requested.

The present amendment comprises the following sections:

- A. Amendments to the Claims
- B. Remarks

Please grant any extension of time necessary for entry; charge any fee due to Deposit Account No. 16-0631.

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